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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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1. DR. RAUL MALDONADO, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL HEAD ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO BUCHAREST CONFERENCE. DR. HUGO CORRAL, CHIEF OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S NATIONAL POPULATION DEPARTMENT, ENGINEER JACK BURMEO, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CENSUS OFFICE, ECONOMIST EDUARDO SANTOS, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING OF NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD, AND ECONOMIST GUSTAVO MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF SOCIAL PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, HAVE BEEN NAMED MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. CABINET DECISION ON WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE WAS TAKEN AFTERNOON AUGUST 13.

2. WE ARE INFORMED THAT TWO OTHER PERSONS ARE TRYING TO WANGLE PARTICIPATION ON THE DELEGATION. THEY ARE: DR. ABELARDO AGUIRRE, COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM, AND DEMOGRAPHER PEDRO MERLO, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD'S DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS CENTER.

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3. OFFICIAL OBSERVERS WHO WILL ATTEND ARE: DR. PABLO

MARANGONI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ECUADOREAN IPPF AFFILIATE;  
LCDO. MARCO ENCALADA, CHIEF OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MASS MEDIA CONSULTANT TO MINISTRY'S  
POPULATION DEPARTMENT; AND DR. ASDRUBAL DE LA TORRE,  
PRESIDENT OF UNESCO'S LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL JOURNALISM  
CENTER, POLITICAL CHARICATURIST AND MEDICAL DOCTOR.

4. MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. DELEGATION SEEK OUT MARANGONI  
TO ASCERTAIN BEST APPROACHES TO INDIVIDUAL DELEGATION  
MEMBERS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MARANGONI, ENCALADA, AND  
DE LA TORRE SHARE OUR CONCERNS AND UNDERSTANDING OF  
POPULATION PROBLEM. THEY WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO  
STRONGLY WORDED WORLD POPULATION STATEMENT. ALL FEEL  
THAT DIRECT APPROACHES TO FAMILY PLANNING ARE REQUIRED.

5. OVER LAST WEEKS MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN  
ENGAGED IN INTERNAL GOE STRUGGLE TO PREVENT NATIONAL  
PLANNING BOARD PRO NATAL VIEWS FROM BECOMING OFFICIAL  
POLICY. GOE POSITION, ADOPTED AT CABINET MEETING AUGUST  
13, APPARENTLY CONTAINS ELEMENTS FROM BOTH POSITIONS. A  
COPY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US THIS AFTERNOON AND AN  
ABSTRACT WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

6. U.S. DELEGATION WILL RECALL SANTOS' PRO NATAL  
STATEMENT IN NEW YORK. HE HAS NOT CHANGED HIS VIEWS.

7. JACK BERMEO IS NOT WELL VERSED IN POPULATION MATTERS.  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS STRONG PERSONAL VIEWS ON  
POPULATION PLANNING AND COULD BE INFLUENCED BY CAREFUL  
EDUCATIVE APPROACHES.

8. GUSTAVO MARTINEZ IS LONG TIME PLANNING BOARD  
EMPLOYEE ON LOAN TO MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE.  
WE BELIEVE HE IS AN OBJECTIVE THINKER OPEN TO SUGGESTION,  
BUT HIS LONG EXPOSURE TO NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD INFLUENCES  
MAY STILL HAVE THEIR EFFECT.

9. CORRAL IS SINGLE KEY PERSON IN ECUADOR ON POPULATION  
MATTERS. HE IS OPEN TO APPROACHES AND RESONABLE.  
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